GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:106
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SPEEDY CLEARANCE OF CARGO AT AIRPORTS
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the long delay in the movement of cargo at various airports in the country and the problems being faced by the importers and exporters as a result thereof;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government for speedy clearance of cargo at the airports?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) & (c):- A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Starred (#) Question No.106 for answer on 22.11.2007 regarding Speedy Clearance of Cargo at Airports.

(a)&(b):- An endeavour is made to move the cargo at the airport expeditiously. However, since there are a number of agencies involved, including the importer or his agent, some delays occasionally take place.

(c):- With a view to reduce the dwell time both in export and import cargo at the airports, some of the important steps taken are: introduction of web-based clearance sytem (e-trade), bar coding of consignments, installation of ETVs (Elevated Transport Vehicles) and conveyor belt in export cargo,introduction of ASRS (Automatic Storage and Retrieval System) for import cargo, reduction of free period both for import and export cargo from 5 working days to 3 working days.